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Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Do the amount and volume of work differ from office to office so that different scales of pay have to be fixed? "

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" I do not quite catch the hon. Member.

(The question was repeated.)

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" It goes without saying. I do not think any such question is needed."

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I ask whether this is mere discontent or rebellion? "

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" The hon. Member must know the difference between discontent and rebellion."

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" I want to ask whether it is mere discontent or rebellion."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB Bahadur :—" Is it a fact that many of the lower division clerks and even upper division clerks are getting money orders from their homes? "

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" I should not be surprised if they should be receiving money orders or if they are borrowing."

*Government servants paid out of contingencies.*

* 72 *Q*.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a larger number of persons in Government service who are performing essential duties but are paid out of contingencies;

(*b*) whether the amount paid for such essential service men is fairly large;

(*c*) whether these men whatever may be their period of continuous service enjoy none of the privileges including leave, pension, etc., to which other Government servants are entitled ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that there is considerable discontent among this class of Government servants; and

(*e*) whether the Government contemplate abolishing payment from contingencies for all servants performing essential services and grant them all the privileges to which other Government servants are entitled?

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There are employees such as masalchies, sweepers, watchmen, water-suppliers, scavengers, gardeners, maistris, carpenters and engine-drivers whose pay is met from the allotments for 'contingencies' in the various Government departments. The detailed rules relating to these employees are given in item No. 37 in Appendix No. 7 on pages 87–89 of the Madras Financial Code, Volume II.

" The Government have no figures at hand regarding the total number of such persons employed in Government offices and the total amount paid to them.

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" (c) Their remuneration is regulated with referrence to the market rates of wages for each class of employees. The leave and pension rules relating to regular Government servants do not apply to this class of employees. The Government have, however, sanctioned special scheme of Retiring and Invalid and Compassionate Gratuities for this class of employees and their families.

" (d) The Government have no information.

" (e) The proposal would involve a very large extra cost, which it would be difficult to incur now. The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the salaries of contingent staff in several establishments were cut down when the dearness allowance was increased from Rs. 10 to Rs. 16?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" The hon. Member may give instances and particulars."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government at any time tried to find out the amount spent by them on contingent staff?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" The Government will try to find out now."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the King Institute, Guindy, where 100 workers are employed, their salaries were reduced from Rs. 12 to Rs. 9 when the dearness allowance was increased from Rs. 10 to Rs. 16?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" May I know from the hon. Member on what date it was done?"

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" It was done from the date on which the dearness allowance was increased from Rs. 10 to Rs. 16. Representations were made to the Hon. Minister by a deputation and yet no action has been taken."

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" If representations have been made and the result has not been communicated to the hon. Member, we must take it that it is under consideration."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the workers of the King Institute, Guindy, have since refused to accept their wages as a protest against this discrimination?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" The Government have no information, Sir. They would take it from the hon. Member if he would give the names of the leaders also."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether in view of the fact that the work done by the contingent staff is continuous and permanent and of an essential character, the Government will sympathetically consider immediately the question of treating them as permanent staff and admitting them to the benefits of permanent service?"

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think this question has been answered more than once."

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I may again give the answer to the hon. Member, Sir. Some of the contingent workers may come under the definition of permanent workers having regard to the length of the period of their service. It is a question which is under consideration separately as to which of them should be taken as equivalent to permanent workers and which as mere contingent workers."

*Cars for Ministers.*

* 73 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Ministers have been provided with cars by the Government ; and

(*b*) how many of them, so provided, had their own cars before?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) All the thirteen Ministers have been provided with motor cars.

" (*b*) Five had cars of their own and the rest had no cars before."

SRI M. D. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the total cost involved in the purchase of these cars? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I take notice of this and shall furnish the information to the hon. Member."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, permits have been given to certain persons for the purchase of cars, but the Hon. Minister for Transport has requisitioned these cars and thereby decreased the number of cars available for people who have permits already."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not arise out of this question."

*The number and distribution of spindles allotted to the Province.*

* 74 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of spindles, fine and coarse, allotted to the Madras Province by the Government of India ;

(*b*) how they have been distributed ;

(*c*) whether any principles were observed in the distribution ; and

(*d*) how many handlooms are working throughout the Province and how many looms are manufacturing lungis, giving particulars districtwar?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) The number of spindles allotted to this Province by the Government of India is as follows :—

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| Fine ... ... ... ... ... | 152,000 |
| Coarse ... ... ... ... ... | 200,000 |
| Total ... | 352,000 |